BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS KIEFER TO INTERROGATORY OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA/USPS-T37-2)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Kiefer to the following interrogatory of the American Library Association: ALA/USPS-T37-2, filed on February 16, 2000. Objections to interrogatories ALA/USPS-37-1, 3, and partial objections to 5 and 6 were filed on February 28, 2000. Interrogatories ALA/USPS-4, 5, and 6 were redirected to the Postal Service.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS KIEFER TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ALA/USPS-T37-2. Please produce a table showing the rate changes for Library Rate mail that would follow from the Postal Service's proposed cost estimates if the existing statutory constraints on Library rates remain unchanged. Please use a format comparable to the rate schedule appearing in the Postal Service's Request at Attachment B, page 52.

RESPONSE:

Please see the attached table.

Package Services

Rate Schedule 524 Library Mail Subclass

		Current Rates (cents)	ALA/USPS-T37-2 Rates (cents)
First Pound	Not Presorted ⁴	113	120
	Level A Presort (5-digits) ^{1,2}	64	67
	Level B Presort (BMC) ^{1,3,4}	95	98
Each additional pound through 7 pounds		45	45
Each additional pound over 7 pounds		28	30

Schedule 524 Notes

- A fee of \$125.00 must be paid once each 12-month period for each permit.
- 2 For mailings of 500 pieces properly prepared and presorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes.
- 3 For mailings of 500 or more pieces properly prepared and presorted to Bulk Mail Centers.
- 4 For Barcode Discount, deduct \$0.03.

DECLARATION

I, James M. Kiefer, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

James M Kug

Dated: 3-1-2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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